

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CARROLL  
JOHNSON

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 9, 2007*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Carroll Johnston, who is being honored with the naming of a middle school in his honor by the Clark County School District.

Mr. Johnston has dedicated 37 years to the Clark County School District. After his first year of teaching, Mr. Johnston served in the U.S. Army for 2 years. Following his service to our country, he continued teaching at Western High School where he also coached and advised numerous student sports and activities. Mr. Johnston also served as a school counselor and dean of students. He then worked at various middle schools as Vice-Principal and two district high schools as Principle. Mr. Johnston then had the privilege of opening Green Valley High School, where he worked as principal until retirement.

Mr. Johnston currently serves on the Gaming Policy Committee for the State of Nevada and has been very active in several Boys and Girls Club functions over the years.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Mr. Carroll Johnston and his distinguished career in service to Clark County School district and the State of Nevada. I wish him the best in his retirement and thank him for his dedicated service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 9, 2007*

Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Madam Speaker, I was not present to vote on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, because I was in my upstate New York district, attending the funeral of State Trooper David Brinkerhoff, a State trooper killed in the line of duty.

Had I been present, I would have voted in the following way:

(1) Democratic Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Head Start Rule—"yea."

(2) H. Res. 348—Rule providing for consideration of the Head Start bill—"yea."

(3) H. Res. 350—Rule providing for consideration of the NIST bill—"yea."

(4) Will the House, on reconsideration, pass the Iraq Supplemental, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding?—"yea."

(5) Price (GA) Amendment. Establishes an 8-state Block Grant demonstration of Head Start program which would eliminate Head Start program standards, weaken oversight and accountability, remove local control, and end Head Start as we know it—"nay."

(6) Sestak/Tierney/Courtney Amendment. Authorizes a loan forgiveness program for Head Start teachers to support better teacher quality in Head Start programs—"yea."

(7) Hirono Amendment. Improves the Early Head Start program by making needed im-

provements to the training and technical assistance system in Early Head Start—"yea."

(8) Mica Amendment. Moves the deadline up by 2 years for when Head Start teachers must have B.A.'s, without providing additional resources to ensure programs would not have to reduce other core services—"nay."

(9) Putnam Amendment. Removes the bill's improved accountability measures that include a system of program quality review by requiring all Head Start programs to be re-competed every 5 years regardless of their quality; draws funding away from the classroom for greater federal bureaucracy—"nay."

(10) Carnahan Amendment. Ensures programs can maintain quality services by allowing grantees to negotiate enrollment levels when appropriations are insufficient to cover COLA—"yea."

(11) Shuler/Ellsworth/Loeb sack Amendment. Affirms eligibility of faith-based organizations as Head Start grantees and applauds role of community and faith based organizations in the Head Start program—"yea."

TRIBUTE TO DR. GRETCHEN  
SCHUETTE

**HON. DARLENE HOOLEY**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 9, 2007*

Ms. HOOLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Dr. Gretchen Schuette for her distinguished service as the eighth president of Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Oregon. The name Chemeketa is a Kalapuya word meaning "place of peace." Willamette Valley Native Americans would gather at a place they called Chemeketa, today known as Salem. There, they conducted their councils, renewed friendships, and shared old ideas and cultivated new ones.

Dr. Schuette embodies the spirit of Chemeketa and throughout her tenure has brought the institution to new levels of academic achievement and excellence in technical training, workforce development, and business support.

Dr. Schuette has overseen an enterprise that is one of the largest—public or private—in Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley. Last year more than 57,000 students attended classes at the college that has campuses and centers in Salem, Woodburn, McMinnville, Dallas and the Santiam Canyon. After serving the college as one of its deans until 1992, Gretchen returned as president in July 2001, and she steered Chemeketa through difficult financial times as state resources fell and student populations continued their increase of 31 percent in the last 10 years.

Dr. Schuette has been an education leader at all levels in Oregon, having served as superintendent of the Gresham-Barlow School District and dean of distance education for Oregon State University in addition to her work for three Oregon community colleges.

She has earned degrees in English literature, botany and geological oceanography from Smith College, Central Michigan University and Oregon State University. She remains a dedicated Beaver fan.

In addition to receiving awards from the Oregon Diversity Institute and the American Association for Women in Community Colleges, Dr. Schuette has served on the Marion County Families and Children Commission, the Public Commission of the Oregon Legislature, and the Oregon State Board of Higher Education.

I hope Members will join me in extending my heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Schuette for her leadership of Chemeketa Community College and offer our well wishes as she retires to pursue her next great adventures.

HONORING FRANCIS MIKO FOR HIS  
SERVICE TO THE U.S. CONGRESS

**HON. DAVID DREIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 9, 2007*

Mr. DREIER. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize and commend Francis Miko for more than three decades of service to the U.S. Congress at the Congressional Research Service. On April 27, 2007, Francis retired as a Specialist in International Relations with the Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division of CRS, bringing to an end a distinguished career as an expert on both foreign policy issues and our institution.

I have had the pleasure of working with Francis on a number of occasions, particularly in association with two different endeavors that I value among my greatest privileges as a Member of Congress. The first was the Frost-Solomon Task Force, which was established by the U.S. House of Representatives following the collapse of the Soviet Union in order to assist the legislatures in former Soviet-bloc countries. These institutions, which had previously been rubber stamps for a totalitarian regime, were suddenly thrust upon the democratic stage with the responsibility of representing the will of the people. Francis Miko led CRS' efforts on the Task Force, and proved to be a key asset and invaluable expert. In twelve post-Communist countries in Central and Eastern Europe, he coordinated the establishment of parliamentary libraries and research facilities, lent a tremendous amount of technical expertise in legislative functioning and helped to implement the use of information technology.

Nearly 10 years after the Frost-Solomon Task Force concluded its work, its mission was reborn with a global focus in the House Democracy Assistance Commission. Once again, this body has relied enormously on the experience and institutional knowledge that Francis has provided. Since its establishment in 2004, HDAC has embarked upon partnerships with 12 developing and re-emerging democracies around the globe. Francis Miko's work in developing these programs and providing the technical assistance necessary to strengthen these vital institutions has been indispensable.

We will miss his expertise, his dedication, his professionalism and his depth of institutional knowledge. I commend him for his commitment to public service and to the U.S. Congress, and I congratulate him on his well-earned and much-deserved retirement.